

by the way. Sep 20th
only for the Iron City Wis.
folk otherwise

It is still scorching
hot, a vicious kind of heat
that burns every thing up.
The leaves are all falling
prematurely & the beauty
of Wisconsin rapidly on
the wane. I have been
driving through the after-
noon, & am now hailing
the approach of sun down.
Papa sleeping the sleep
of the just, in happy
unconsciousness of the
fact that he is pan-
boiling meanwhile.

We went to Church this
morning the Pres. & I stayed
to S School, & found the
Bible class teacher was
a lady cousin of Mr. Holley
of Oak Park. The O Parkers
friends & relatives are
every where.

We spent a
day yesterday
at the Dells, &
gorges of the river. In
some of the latter it was
so cold that we shivered,
while the sun was burning
everything brown outside.
We took the steamboat
up the river about five
miles, & then a guide
who Papa had previously
employed, took us to all
the points of interest
giving us plenty of time
to pass the heat of the day
in a lovely cool spot where
the air is so cold at night
they dare not sleep there
but have the sleeping
rooms up on a high hill,
& then rowed us home
in the lovely cool evening
showing us many wonder

by the way. We longed
only for the other horse
folk otherwise the day
was one of perfect enjoyment.
Tomorrow we go in the other
direction called the lower
Dells, & probably leave
on Tuesday, I don't know
where to. Milbourn City
is a one horse town, dead
for want of public spirit
on the part of the inhabi-
tants. Roads wretched on
account of driving on ac-
count of the sand & dust
which is particularly bad
just now, with the hot
dry weather. Everybody
says such a September
was never known. Every-
thing north of Milwaukee
is burned up with drought
long

My chest has been quite
bad ever since I left home.
Have you & Alice stayed in
bed better nights lately?
I hope things are running
smoothly in the domestic
department. Grandma better
& the Capt. a little. I keep
wondering how large a family
you have to day, & how I should
gets along. We have not seen
a Chicago paper since Friday,
so don't know whether it is
cooler with you or not.
I expect Alice is a great com-
fort to you, & a relief to have
Mamma's tired cross far out
of sight for awhile.
Don't let the Capt. work
too hard & be as good to him
as you can; remember both
he & Grandma are dependent
on you for comfort when I
am gone. ⁴
A lovely cool evening
giving us many wonder



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